

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Defendants, NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS, by its attorneys O'DWYER & BERNSTIEN, LLP, respectfully alleges:

- 1. By this Notice of Removal, the defendant removes this action from the Civil Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Small Claims Part to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) and (b) and § 1446(a) and (b).
- 2. Upon information and belief, this action was commenced by Claimant by filing a Notice of Claim and Summons with the Civil Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Small Claims Part on April 4, 2008 and served on respondents by mail on or about April 4, 2008. A copy of the Notice of Claim and Summons is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. The within is an action commenced by claimant alleging entitlement to a pension.

 Resolution of the issues underlying the claims will require determination under the Employee

 Retirement Income Security Act of 1979.

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act § 502(e), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e), which provides that the district courts have concurrent jurisdiction to the extent that the action relates to the operations of an employee benefit plan.
- 5. This Notice of Removal is signed pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and is timely filed with this court within 30 days after Claimant's service of Notice of Claim and Summons and Defendant's receipt of the Notice of Claim and Summons by mail.
- 6. Written notice of filing of this Notice of Removal will be served upon Claimant and a copy will be filed in the Civil Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Small Claims Part as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for the removal of the above-entitled action from the Civil Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Small Claims Part, to the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York.

Dated:

New York, New York

May 7, 2008

Yours Truly,

O'DWYER & BERNSTIEN, LLP

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EXHIBIT A

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New York, NEW York 16613

111 Centre Street (Room 353)

YOU MUST BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU EACH TIME YOU APPEAR IN COURT ON THIS CASE

This claim is scheduled for a Hearing to be held in the Courtroom:

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NEW YORK, NY 10013-4389

Case 1:08-cv-04326-RP

BEFORE THE HEARING

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If this case involves damage to an automobile or other property covered by insurance, notify your insurance company of this Hearing. The insurance companies will often assign an attorney representative to be present at the Hearing at no cost to you if they are made aware of the case by the policy-holder.

COUNTERCLAIM AND THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS

If you have a claim against the Claimant, you may bring a "Counterclaim" as part of this lawsuit, for money only, up to \$5,000. Within five (5) days of receiving this Notice of Claim you should file a statement containing such Counterclaim with the Court. At the time you file such Counterclaim you must pay the Clerk a filing fee of \$5.00 plus the cost of postage. The Clerk will send the notice of your Counterclaim by First Class mail to the Claimant. The Counterclaim must include the amount of your claim and

an explanation of the nature of your claim. You should be prepared to prove your Counterclaim on the day you come to Court for the Hearing.

If you fail to file the Counterclaim within the five (5) day period mentioned above, the law provides you with the right, nevertheless, to file your Counterclaim at this time, the Claimant may request and obtain an adjournment (postponement) of the hearing to a later date.

If you believe that a third party bears full or partial responsibility for the claim, you may be able to bring that party into the lawsuit as a "Third Party Defendant."

Contact the Clerk promptly for information about filing a "third-party action."

JURY TRIAL

If you desire a jury, you must, at least one day before the day upon which you have been notified to appear, file with the Clerk of the Court a written demand for a trial by jury. At that time, you will have to make an affidavit specifying the issues of fact which you desire to have tried by a jury and stating that such trial is desired and demanded in good faith. You will have to pay a jury fee and also file an undertaking (a deposit in cash) to secure the payment of any costs that may be awarded against you.

DEMAND LETTER

If this case is a "Consumer Transaction," (filed against you by a corporation, association, or partnership), ou should have received a letter from the Claimant demanding payment, 10 days to six months prior to your receipt of this Notice of Claim. If you did not get such a letter, notify the Court at the time of your appearance.

SETTLEMENT

a) and you are able to work out a settlement with the Claimant, a written agreement (Stipulation of Settlement) should be filed with the Court. This may be done on or before the date set for the Hearing. The document provided to the Court must include the SC number of your case, and the year.

b) but desire more time to pay and the Claimant is not willing to accept your plan for payment you must appear personally on the date set for the Hearing, tell with the Claimant and enter into a written Stipulation of Settlement.

If neither side appears in coun on the date scheduled for the Hearing, the case will be marked "DISMISSED, No Appearance Either Side."

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